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IMMENSE CROWDS ATTEND FOURTH ANNUAL CHAUTAUQUA

Weather Unfavorable On
Opening Day Causes
Disappointment.

EVERY ATTRACTION IS A GEM

Talent Thus Far is Best Ever Heard
in Paw Paw. Many Here From
a Distance.

The fourth annual Chautauqua's opening session on Saturday, August 17, attracted a good crowd and an enthusiastic audience. The VanBuskirk Concert Co. furnished the prelude and Dr. John Wesley Hill of "all over"—this is the location he gave for his home—delivered a most instructive and interesting lecture. He took for his subject "The Man With Brains." His argument is that brains are a stock in trade which can be turned into wealth and should be the one thing to be cultivated. Take a commodity and sell it in its crude state and you practically give it away; turn a thinking mind on it and refine it to perfection and a fortune is yours. He said many good things and was rewarded by generous applause.

The speaker was handicapped greatly by the storm that broke upon us during the lecture, and made it near impossible to hear anything but the rain and wind outside, although Dr. Hill's voice carried exceptionally well.

The Concert Company were to present an evening program, but the weather prevented the assembly.

Monday afternoon Frederick A. Cook delivered his lecture on "Did I get to the North Pole?" The lecture was full of interest and information that people



DR. FREDERICK A. COOK

had never read and had never dreamed of. The hardships which he and his party encountered were almost unendurable and none but the most determined and sturdy could have stood this ordeal.

Monday evening Harry S. Myers of New York city gave an address which was listened to with interest. His ideas were along lines of world wide cooperation regarding social problems. His subject was largely regarding China and Japan. He filled the engagement of the Lyric Glee Club. Mr. Myers was formerly a Paw Paw boy, having graduated from our schools and was greeted by many former acquaintances.

Tuesday afternoon was filled entirely as advertised. Eason Bacon had the prelude afternoon and evening and was a host. His two voices were none too many to express all the music in his soul. It is quite remarkable how quickly he changes from a high pitch to a baritone and his voice is sweet and musical in both. He is also a pleasing reader.



EX-GOV. FOLK

SECOND ANNUAL HOME COMING

Dowagiac Anticipates Large Crowd
at Home-Coming to be Held
Next Week.

Dowagiac is anticipating a grand good time in the event of her second annual home coming which will occur from August 28 to 31 inclusive. People are expected from all over the United States and it will be a reunion of friends that are scattered far and wide. They will have among other attractions an aviation fest every day, and on Saturday Fred Dohel, the aviator, will make a cross country flight from that place to Schoolcraft and return in time for his afternoon engagement. The mayor of the city will accompany him on this trip.

Balloon ascensions, parade, voting contest, and everything for the entertainment of her guests will be done by Dowagiac and a good time is expected. Her reputation is already established as a hostess.

Ex Gov. Folk gave an able address Tuesday afternoon and the greatest compliment that can be said of him is that one of his hearers declared that if anything, Mr. Folk surpassed his own glory of last year. This is saying much for he was a prime favorite a year ago.

TUESDAY EVENING.

George L. McNutt followed in the evening with a stirring speech on the christian, social, economic and political shortcomings of the present day. "The Dinner Pail Man" was the man of the



GEO. L. MCNUTT

hour Tuesday evening and in his clear, decisive view of men and things illustrated to a fine point the helpless condition of humanity in general who are of the common classes, born with brains but no way of getting started on the right track, but once launched are powers. The opinion of many was to the effect that it was one of the very finest lectures ever given in Paw Paw.

WEDNESDAY.

Ciricillo and his band greeted the chautauquans as expected on Wednesday afternoon and evening and delighted their audience. They were popular last season, but many have said that they are better this year. Their program is largely classical, from the operas and interspersed with national airs—all splendid sentiment and beautifully rendered.

Many people had looked forward with anticipation to the appearance of Rev. Dwight Hillis. He appeared on the program Wednesday afternoon; an immense crowd had assembled, and to say that he filled the place he had created in the expectations of his prospective hearers is only a feeble expression of the fact. Mr. Hillis is said to be a great man, and better still he is a great man. He is a scholar who depends upon mathematics for the proof of his assertions. He spoke upon the future greatness and possibilities of the wonderful God given commodities that are placed upon this earth for the use of men, and the duty of the brains of this country is to utilize what we have at our command for the benefit of the masses. Space forbids any mention of the many wonderful thoughts that could be written to the glory of this thinker, scholar, preacher.

Mr. J. Dale Stentz, as platform manager has made a host of friends during his short stay in Paw Paw. His pleasing, affable manner, his courteous ways and all have won him a place in the hearts of the Paw Paw Chautauqua patrons. He also during the first of the week proved a friend in need. When the floods came and speakers failed to arrive for the Sunday engagements it was Stentz who with his "Stunts" and song held the audiences and entertained them to their satisfaction. He has a fine, rich, melodious voice and his admirable rendition of the many excellent selections received the hearty applause of approval which they merited. Here's hoping that Mr. Stentz may again visit Paw Paw and meet the Chautauqua friends in the years to come.

Mrs. Emma Mulder and children of Chicago are visiting her aunt, Mrs. John McGuire.



COMPLIMENTS FOR VARNEYS

Well Known Chautauqua
Workers Highly Praised
by the Press.

Speaking of Chautauqua, which seems to be very near our hearts just now, we are reminded of our own people who are away engaged in a similar work. Mr. and Mrs. Charles E. Varney and son Charles are filling engagements of this sort during the present season.

Press notices of the trio are very gratifying to their numerous friends here and we pride ourselves in being able to honestly claim them as our very own. A Charles City, Iowa, paper says some nice things regarding their work and speaks highly of Mr. Varney as a platform manager, remarking that "he is always ready with the right word at the right time," which is characteristic of the gentleman on the platform or in any other place where he happens to be.

Mrs. Varney is giving a strong lecture on the subject "The Citizen Mother" and according to reports she is winning many friends for woman suffrage. This lecture is a popular one from the fact that she speaks upon a popular subject and one which the masses are endeavoring to understand.

Mrs. Varney is an unusually brilliant woman, her splendor radiates from within, she being thoroughly absorbed in the one great question of the moral uplift of womanhood. Being a mother, she speaks from the mother's standpoint and therefore reaches the hearts of humanity. She is assisted in this work by Charles, who presents the objectionable points to the passage of the law as seen by the anti-suffragists.

They will return to Paw Paw, September 1.

FINE POSITION IN KALAMAZOO

The many friends of Harley Ball of Paw Paw will be pleased to learn that he has a fine position in the Kalamazoo City Savings bank and commenced his new duties this week.

Harley is one of Paw Paw's estimable young men. He has the confidence of every one and while his friends rejoice in his promotion it can also be added that the Kalamazoo bank is fortunate in securing the services of so capable and highly respected young man. Success to you Harley.

RECEPTION FOR SPEAKER.

Adelbert H. Roberts of Chicago, formerly a Lawrence boy will speak on the subject "Genius Has No Race" at a reception given in honor of Booker T. Washington, at Longwell's opera house August 24. This will follow the afternoon session of the Chautauqua. All are welcome.

THE STORY OF PASSION PLAY

Rev. Fr. Clarkson Concludes
Interesting Article of
Last Week.

Third, this marvelous drama is so carefully planned that notwithstanding its length it never flags for a moment in interest or variety. By this original plan there are exhibited in addition to the scenes from the Gospel sundry others taken from the old testament. These latter are represented as tableaux or living groups, while at the same time a choir explains in appropriate and harmonious music the connection between these types and the different parts of the Passion which they foreshadow.

Fourth, the question naturally arises, what is that something so mysterious and indescribable which makes the Passion play exercise such a charm and fascination as no other tragedy in the great theaters of Europe can pretend to? From the thousands who have been present there comes the common answer, that the theme is so lofty, so full of pathos, and as such it is sufficient to touch the heart of the most heedless and even irreligious. But there is something more which has given it a world wide popularity, and that is the perfect manner in which the play is set forth and enacted. For as more than one writer has observed that great gathering of men, women, and children, some seven hundred and fifty in all, each of whom discharges his role however small, with earnestness and intelligence, are bound together by a religious vow handed down to them from their ancestors in 1631.

The actors in the play may be divided into four groups, viz: choruses, tableaux, music and drama. The opening scene of Palm Sunday is considered to be one of the finest on account of the striking effect produced by a large concourse of people.

From this moment until the conclusion of the play the calm and reverent face of "The Christ" fascinates the entire audience of from four to six thousand. The attentive gaze of this vast multitude follow his form from scene to scene, as he appears at one time with the white fool's garment, cast around him, or again in the red mantle of a mock king, or finally as rising from the tomb in robes of dazzling white.

The motion picture presentation of the play Sunday, though necessarily incomplete and imperfect is instructive, edifying, inspiring and I think the citizens of Paw Paw without regard to the very deserving cause in furtherance of which it was given, owe a debt of gratitude to Mr. and Mrs. Pierce for affording an opportunity of witnessing this marvelous sacred drama.

G. CLARKSON.

PAW PAW BOY IS MAKING GOOD

Dale Harrison Writes of His New
Home in Charlottesville, West
Virginia.

An interesting letter from Dale Harrison is an assurance to his friends of his prosperity and contented state of mind. He is now employed as stenographer and clerk by the Goodman Mfg. company of Charlottesville, W. Va., and is enjoying his new surroundings and work. He speaks of the prosperity of the country thus: "This locality is one of great wealth. Enormous deposits of coal, oil and gas—money pouring into town at the rate of a million dollars a month, they tell me. Big investments made and large chances taken."

He sends regrets at not being able to be home during Chautauqua and also remembers the old friends with a cordial greeting. We wish all kinds of success to find its way into his new life and think he will be worthy of it.

TWO CANDIDATES HAVE WITHDRAWN

Chas. Roosevelt and James
H. Kinnane no Longer
in the Race.

Charles Roosevelt of Kessler township has withdrawn from the legislative race. The official announcement appears on another page of this issue. His name will appear on the official ballot, however, as the ballots were all printed and in the hands of the clerk before Mr. Roosevelt's intentions were made public.

The name of James H. Kinnane will also appear on the ballot under the head of congressional candidates for like reasons. Some time ago Senator Kinnane announced in an open letter to the public that he had decided to withdraw from the race and from the republican party. His letter contained the statement that he had asked the secretary of state not to certify his name to be printed on the official primary ballot.

In the absence of such official notification from the secretary of state the county board of election commissioners decided that they had no alternative but to print the name on the ballot in accordance with the petitions which had been filed. There will therefore be two names on the ticket, Charles Roosevelt for the legislature and James H. Kinnane for congress who have publicly withdrawn from the respective contests.

MGR. SHAEFER HAS TROUBLES GALORE

The Wind and the Weather Combine
to Make Life Anything But a
Round of Pleasure.

Local Manager Henry Shaefer had many trials and tribulations last Saturday and Sunday, trying to combat the elements that threatened destruction to the Chautauqua arrangements. During the lecture of Saturday afternoon the storm clouds gathered and before the close they had deposited their surplus water on the defenseless heads of the audience. If any person there was careless in regard to taking a shower bath before going to Thayer's grove he was not the loser, for he received one gratis, and it was straight from Heaven and filtered at that.

The evening program was postponed on account of the unfavorable weather. Sunday morning another fury in the form of wind and rain, visited this locality and among other pitiful performances laid a part of the big Chautauqua tent low. Sunday evening found a big crowd assembled under the canvas however, and no one would know by appearances that anything but zephyrs had passed that way.

ARE WE TO HAVE A FAIR?

Are we to have another fair? It is about time to get the preliminary arrangements started if we are again to have a fair. As soon as the Chautauqua is over it is hoped that those most interested will call a meeting to talk the matter over. It would seem to the True Northerner that Paw Paw cannot well afford to dispense with the annual fair.

A new road is to be laid out on the town line between Paw Paw and Waverly, which will be a great advantage to people living in that vicinity. The commissioners will meet September 4.

SOCIAL FUNCTION MUCH ENJOYED

Mrs. Wilbur F. Hoyt Entertained, Assisted by Other
Paw Paw Ladies.

A FINE PROGRAM RENDERED

Beautiful Decorations, An Elaborate
Luncheon and Delightful Guests
Make Occasion Enjoyable.

The beautiful home of Dr. and Mrs. Wilbur F. Hoyt was the scene of a very delightful afternoon given by Mesdames Jerome Warner, Edward G. Thayer, Elmer Sirois, Frank N. Wakeman with Mrs. Hoyt.

The living rooms with the large and commodious porch were elaborately decorated. Golden rod, golden glow and yellow daisies with banks of ferns were used in the decorations. The beautiful gowns and happy faces of the hundred and twenty guests added much to the already beautiful.

The day was ideal and everything passed off just as it was planned. The program was furnished by Mrs. C. O. Monroe, soloist, and Miss Aileen VanBuskirk, violinist. Mrs. Claire Harrison accompanied Mrs. Monroe and Miss Esther Stevens and Miss Van Bu Kirk. Mrs. Monroe has a charming voice with much sweetness and under perfect control. The ladies could not have selected one who could have given the universal satisfaction that Mrs. Monroe gave. All were loud in her praise and all are anxious that she may be able to come and sing her sweet songs again. She will always be welcome in Paw Paw. She responded to ecstasies after each selection.

Miss VanBuskirk we all know and all are justly proud of. She too was at her best and more than delighted her audience. She responded to many encores.

After the program an elaborate two course luncheon was served by the ladies assisted by Miss Genevieve Conklin and Audrey Cross. Small tables were used and looked most dainty in their snowy linen, cut glass and silver.

Guests were present from Kalamazoo, Chicago, Hillsdale, Decatur, St. Louis, Mo., Charleston, West Virginia, and Hartford.

The ladies who entertained were showered with congratulations by the seemingly delighted guests, at the success of the afternoon.

MANY SUBJECTS ARE DISCUSSED

Co. Federation of Gleaners
Hold Profitable Session
on Saturday.

The county federation of A. O. O. G. held a successful meeting in Thayer's grove last Saturday, August 17. The crowd was not large but they were there for a purpose and it was altogether a profitable session. The meeting was held in the forenoon and the afternoon program was postponed on account of Chautauqua.

M. H. Pugsley led a discussion upon Transportation which was indeed a splendid address. He understands the situation perfectly and has a way of presenting his views regarding it, that are convincing and helpful. Discussion of the subject followed bringing out many good thoughts and new ideas.

G. E. Prater gave a scholarly address on the subject of Grape Packages and Packing. This was full of information and suggestions and was pronounced by all to be a splendid effort. Discussion of these topics is what makes the meetings of value. In no other way can we learn from the experience of others and profit thereby.

Mesdames Dunnington and Schuneman contributed to the program with music as did also the Misses Northrup of Lawrence.

Fred Marvin of Detroit, state lecturer of the Gleaners, was present and addressed the meeting, also.

The date and place of the next meeting will be announced later.

COME HIGH IN WEST.

A letter from Payette, Idaho, contains an interesting item of news and the many friends of R. A. Shoemith and wife will rejoice with them: "Born to Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Shoemith, August 11, a 10 pound 81000 boy. Father, mother, son and Mrs. Howson all doing nicely." Talk about prices climbing toward the top notch—but everything comes high on account of election, no doubt.